

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROSCOMMON**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	181	175

Roscommon, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Roscommon is welcome to the 1998 Tidy towns Competition, thank you for your completed entry form, map's and other attachments. When completed the various proposals will enhance the town and its natural amenities, making them accessible for all the community, visitors and residents alike. We would recommend you outline and target the proposals on a yearly basis, within the overall time frame. The proposals as outlined are varied and challenging, perhaps the elements of the plan proposed for the Fas scheme should be separated from those which the community themselves will be undertaking, this would help give ownership and a feeling of involvement by the greater community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Without repeating recommendations by previous adjudicators, we feel the pivotal position of the square in the town will reflect on the whole of Roscommon town - thus, the upgrading and maintaining of this area is important. The major improvements to the old Jail will transform the square, any proposals for the area immediately in front will also be vital to the visual impact on the streetscape. There are many fine and well maintained buildings in the town. However, there are a number that require attention by the owners, especially by painting and improvements to the shopfronts. The addition of some flower arrangements should also be considered. The issue of car parking, pedestrian access, seating and ducting of cables should not be forgotten in the overall proposals for the town. The addition of flower boxes and baskets on various buildings throughout the town is to be commended and the variety of colour and type helping to soften the streetscape, well done. It is important that new developments are fully completed especially the boundary walls or surrounds. The school and Convent, and Church, had well maintained buildings and grounds. A number of the petrol filling stations around the town are making an extra effort with their properties with forecourts tidy and flower/shrub bedding and indeed look well. Some of the business properties on the outskirts of the town require attention and a little effort would go a long way to improving the visual aspect of the properties, a number are making an effort and these are to be commended. The area along the ring road opposite the Mart requires attention, the area adjoining the Ford garage and before the fencing should be better maintained and if necessary some screening provided, outside the main entrance to the GAA stadium needs weeding and some planting should be considered which would help to visually improve this area. The Golf Club clubhouse and grounds were well maintained and presented.

LANDSCAPING

The various displays of shrubs, flowers and trees throughout the

town and especially on the peripheral roads were maintained and looked well. Cherry House and grounds looked lovely with its maintained grounds, the Abbey Hotel also had well maintained and landscaped grounds.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The major development of the area at the rear of the Jail and adjacent to the Castle at Loughnaneane when completed will greatly enhance this whole area, initial work on the site was obvious on adjudication way. Combined with Mote Park this will provide a variety of fine amenities for the town. We look forward to seeing these come to fruition, hopefully in the not to distant future.

LITTER CONTROL

The shrubs located by the Cross in the square had a lot of litter mixed in with the plants. Some litter was strewn about in the vicinity of the public car park and supermarket car park, the clearing of weeds and litter from the shrub beds was in progress on adjudication day at the supermarket car park. Occasional litter was strewn on a number of the approach roads on the grass verges and at the base of the stone walls. Occasional litter was also found on streets in the town, it is important that it is tackled before it gets out of hand, perhaps business houses could undertake to keep the area in front of their properties clear of litter and to provide and service if necessary additional litter receptacles at and outside their premises

TIDINESS

The storage of items especially timber should be discouraged at the Cross as it looks untidy, we are making allowances for the work areas in front of the old Jail. Plastic signs should be removed or replaced throughout the town, the improvements to a number of shopfronts was noted and commended, we would encourage other business houses to follow suit. The exit to Main street from the car park should be improved with some painting, planting against the high walls or screening of the rear area of the building at the lane entrance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of residential owners are making an effort with well maintained houses and gardens, well done. A number of boundary walls and open areas in front of residential properties require attention. Developers of new housing schemes should ensure they complete within a reasonable time frame the boundary areas of the schemes ie walls, access road and open areas. The Apartment property, town houses development and forecourts, adjacent to the Courthouse, all looked well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On access roads the base of walls, fencing and openings to the

road should be monitored for tall grass and weeds growing through, damaged or neglected walls should be repaired. In general all the access roads look well and where provided the flower and shrub beds are maintained and look well, adding a welcoming touch on the approaches to the town. The streetscape of Goff Street looked very well this year. Castle Street, Church Street and Abbey Street however require additional attention. The recent improvement works on approach roads especially the Fuerty road was noted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

While Roscommon town is improving in its marks in the Competition to date, it is vital the central areas of the town are monitored, weak spots improved, the achievements to date are maintained. With the major developments proposed by the Tidy Towns Committee being undertaken and completed over the next number of years it could happen the achievements to date could be lost if a keen eye is not kept on the town itself. Keep up the good work bear in mind previous recommendations. With continuous commitment and work the town can progress well in the competition. We look forward to our next visit to Roscommon town.